

**REMARKS**

In response to the Examiner's issuance of a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, Applicant submits the foregoing amendments to the claims of the pending application. In particular, new claims 50-56 are presented without underlining. Claims 45 – 49 have been withdrawn. New claims 50 – 56 have been added. **The claims remaining in consideration are claims 1-44 and 50-56.** Claims 1 and 18 are the independent claims remaining under consideration. No new matter has been added by this amendment and response.

**Conclusion**

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Response is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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